

Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of 2002 Biennial Regulatory Review -  
Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules  
and Other Rules Adopted Pursuant to Section 202  
of the Telecommunications Act of 1996,  
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking,  
MM Docket No. 02-277, (rel. Sept. 23, 2002)

To: The Secretary, FCC Commissioners, and Chief, Media Bureau

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, the  
Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I have been given to understand that it is the intention of the FCC,  
unless stopped by intense public outcry,  
to try to remove what remaining safeguards of capitalism remain in the  
ownership rules, opening the field  
for complete monopoly dominance, a condition that might fairly be called  
the exact opposite of genuine "capitalist"  
competition. Of course, this change would also lead to even worse service  
to the public and the nation from  
corporations like Clearchannel and even larger piles of blubber like  
AOL/Time-Warner, firms which have already  
conclusively demonstrated their utter disregard for both.

I have no real belief that the FCC, or the Senators whose staff will  
receive and destroy this email, have any interest  
in defending the public's right to free, fair, and competitive media, or  
the interests of the nation in communicating  
amongst its populace in open and untrammelled fashion, but as a sweetsop  
for the bitter taste in my mouth, I am writing  
to discourage you from throwing away what little use and value remains in  
large-scale broadcast media for this former  
republic.

Thank you,

A. Soroka, broadcasting from Charlottesville, Virginia, a town with the  
blessing of several public and NPR radio stations  
and good PBS coverage, along with a bunch of crap on the rest of the dial,  
and one decent AM news station, sticking it out  
in a noble last stand.